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Kennedy Probe—While its Abscam and Brilab scandals have been making headlines, the FBI is quietly digging into another explosive assignment—the assassination of President Kennedy.

The House Assassinations Committee turned over to the bureau its findings that Kennedy was probably killed as the result of a conspiracy, contrary to the conclusion of the Warren Commission 16 years ago.

FBI agents have been talking to former committee aides, seeking guidance for use of the committee files in the National Archives. Agents have also asked the authors of some of the committee studies for the location of documents cited in footnotes.

And the bureau has consulted the Central Intelligence Agency on ways of retesting the controversial acoustical evidence suggesting that a fourth shot was fired at Kennedy that day in Dallas.

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